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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 October 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. **Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by InfoMove (“InfoMove Partners with Etak and University of Washington to Deliver Real-Time Traffic Information to the Car via Wireless Internet.” Business Wire, January 5, 2000).**
3. **As per independent Claims 1, 6, 17, and 23,** Infomove discloses a method (telecommunications terminal) of operating a telecommunications terminal, said method comprising: receiving a geographically-sensitive message and an indicium of a geographic location of relevance; ascertaining a geographic location of said telecommunications terminal; determining a geographic region of interest based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal; determining whether said geographic location of relevance is within (overlapping) said geographic region of interest; and disregarding said geographically-sensitive message when said geographic location of relevance is not within (overlapping) said geographic region of interest (“InfoMove Partners with Etak and University of Washington to Deliver Real-Time Traffic Information to the Car via Wireless Internet.” Business Wire, January 5, 2000).

4. As per Claims 2, 7, 18, and 24, Infomove discloses wherein said telecommunication terminal is mobile; and wherein said geographic region of interest is based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal and on a direction of motion of said telecommunications terminal.
5. As per Claims 3, 8, 20, and 26, Infomove discloses wherein said telecommunication terminal is mobile; and wherein said geographic region of interest is based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal and on a speed of said telecommunications terminal.
6. As per Claims 4, 9, 21, and 27, Infomove discloses wherein said geographic region of interest is based on a priority of said geographically-sensitive message.
7. As per Claims 5, 10, 22, and 28, Infomove discloses wherein said geographic region of interest comprises at least one of a polygon and a conic section. NON
8. As per Claims 19 and 25, Infomove discloses wherein said receiver is also for receiving a definition of said geographic region of relevance, and further comprising a memory for storing said definition of said geographic region of relevance with said indicium of said geographic region of relevance as an index into said memory.
9. **As per independent Claims 11 and 14**, Infomove discloses a method (telecommunications terminal) of operating a telecommunications terminal, said method comprising: receiving a geographically-sensitive message and an indicium of a geographic region of relevance; ascertaining a geographic location of said telecommunications terminal; and determining whether said geographic location is within said geographic region of relevance; and disregarding said geographically-sensitive

message when said geographic location is not within said geographic region of relevance

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Traffic Information to the Car via Wireless Internet." Business Wire, January 5, 2000).

10. As per Claims 12 and 15, Infomove discloses receiving a definition of said geographic region of relevance before receiving said geographically-sensitive message and said indicium of said geographic region of relevance; and storing said definition of said geographic region of relevance into memory with said indicium of said geographic region of relevance as an index into said memory.
11. As per Claims 13 and 16, Infomove discloses wherein said geographic region of relevance comprises at least one of a polygon and a conic section.

Response to Arguments

12. Applicant's arguments filed 10/12/2004, regarding Claims 1-28, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The rejection will remain as final, based on the cited prior art.
13. The Applicant makes the argument for Independent Claims 1, 6, 11, 14, 17, and 23, that the prior art fails to teach or suggest (1) "whether said geographic location of relevance is within said geographic region of interest, and for disregarding said geographically-sensitive message when said geographic location of relevance is not within said geographic region of interest," (2) "whether said geographic location is within said geographic region of relevance, and for disregarding said geographically-sensitive message when said geographic location is not within said geographic region of

relevance,” (3) “whether said geographic region of relevance overlaps said geographic region of interest, and for disregarding said geographically-sensitive message when said geographic region of relevance fails to overlap said geographic region of interest.”

14. However, InfoMove teaches pinpointing a driver’s specific location, speed and direction as well as their current route to their final destination. This information (geographic location of interest – location point/path of travel/location end) is compared to geographic traffic incident information (geographic region of relevance) and intersecting (within/overlapping) information is provided to the driver.

Conclusion

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Ouellette whose telephone number is (703) 605-0662. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8am - 5:00pm.
16. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (703) 308-2702. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned (703) 872-9306 for all official communications.
17. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-5484.

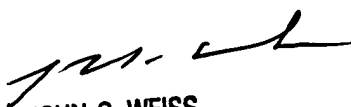
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